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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 12-20, 24-29, 31-38, 41-46 and 48-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 12-20, 24-29, 31-38, 41-46 and 48-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant has amended claims:

1, 5, 6, 12-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24-29, 31-33, 35, 36, 38, 41-46, 48-50, 52, 53 and 55.

Claims 7-11, 21-23, 30, 39, 40 and 47 have been cancelled.

Claims 56-61 are new.

Claims 1-6, 12-20, 24-29, 31-38, 41-46 and 48-61 are pending.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 24, 28, 33, 35, 41, 45, 50 and 52 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 24, 33, 35, 50 and 52** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Pennell et al* (USPN 6,874,023).

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a. **Per claim 24**, *Pennell et al* teach a method comprising: an electronic device requesting and receiving for a user, a first email address from an email service provider at a first point in time subsequent to the user subscribing for email service with the email service provider (col.1 lines 53-62); the electronic device employing the received first email address to facilitate communication between the user and a first communication partner or group of communication partners (col.1 lines 12-15 and 56-61, col.3 lines 24-34); the electronic device requesting and receiving for the user, a second email address, separate and distinct from said first email address, from the email service provider at a second point in time subsequent to the user subscribing for email service with the email service provider, the second point in time being a later point in time than the first point in time (col.1 lines 53-62, col.3 lines 1-12); and the electronic device employing the received second email address to facilitate communication between the user and a second communication partner or group of communication partners (col.3 lines 13-65).

b. **Per claim 33**, *Pennell et al* teach a method comprising: an email service provider receiving emails addressed to a first and second email address of a user, the first and second email addresses having been provided by the email service provider to an electronic device of the user for the electronic device to facilitate respective communication between the user and a first and a second intended communication partner (col.3 lines 1-65); and the email server provider organizing said received emails based at least in part on said first and second email addresses of the user, and respective intended versus unintended communication partners of said first and second email addresses of the user (Figure 6, col.3 lines 53-65, col.4 lines 35-43).

c. **Claims 35, 50 and 52** contain limitations that are substantially equivalent to claims 24 and 33 are therefore rejected under the same basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 1-6, 12-16, 24-29, 31-35, 41-52 and 56-61** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Pennell et al* (USPN 6,874,023) in view of *Megiddo* (USPN 6,725,269).

a. **Per claim 1**, *Pennell et al* teach a method comprising: a user computer providing a first email address received from an email service provider for use to register a user of the user computer with a first web site (col.1 lines 53-62); the user computer providing a second email address received from the email service provider, separate and distinct from the first email address, for use to register said user with a second web site (col.1 lines 12-15 and 56-61, col.3 lines 24-34).

Although *Pennell et al* teach an email management service that generates a new email address whenever needed or requested by the user (col.3 lines 1-12 and 35-42, col.4 lines 15-17), *Pennell et al* fail to explicitly teach first and second email addresses being simultaneously provided to the user computer by the email service provider in advance of the first and second email addresses' initial selection for usage by the user computer. However, *Megiddo* teaches a multiple identity browser that includes a list of free email web sites for establishing email addresses to correspond with the user's plurality of identities (col.5 lines 20-26 and 40-52, col.3 lines 15-24, col.7 line 55-col.8 line 37, col.9 line 54-col.10 line 39). It would

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have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* for the purpose of providing first and second distinct email address to the user for selection and use; because it allows the user to choose from among the plurality of identities of the user—whether to use or create associated email addresses based on the user's needs and preferences.

b. **Claims 28, 41 and 45** contain limitations that are substantially equivalent to claims 1 and 24 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

c. **Claims 56 and 59** contain limitations that are substantially equivalent to claims 1 and 33 are therefore rejected under the same basis.

d. **Per claim 2**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 1, *Megiddo* further teaches wherein the first email address comprises a first user identifier, and the second email address comprises a second user identifier, separate and distinct from said first user identifier (Abstract, col.2 lines 20-56).

e. **Per claim 3**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 1, *Pennell et al* further teach wherein the first email address comprises an address of the email service provider, and the second email address comprises the address of the same email service provider (col.3 lines 1-12 and 35-42).

f. **Per claim 4**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 1, *Megiddo* further teaches wherein the first email address comprises a first user identifier and an address of the email service provider, and the second email address comprises a second user identifier, separate and distinct from said first user identifier, and the address of the same email service provider (col.2 lines 35-52, col.3 lines 13-24, col.7 line 55-col.8 line 37).

g. **Per claim 5**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 1, *Pennell et al* further teach wherein each of said providing of the first and second email addresses by the user computer comprises selecting said first/second email address from a plurality of distinct email addresses provided by said email service provider to said user computer (col.3 lines 1-12 and 31-42; *Megiddo*: col.7 lines 30-37).

h. **Per claim 6**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 5, *Megiddo* further teaches wherein the method further comprises the user computer obtaining the distinct email addresses from the email service provider (col.5 lines 20-26 and 40-52, col.3 lines 15-24, col.7 line 55-col.8 line 37, col.9 line 54-col.10 line 39).

i. **Per claim 12**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 1, *Pennell et al* further teach wherein the method further comprises the user computer notifying the email service provider of the usage of the first and second email addresses, including addresses of the first and the second web site (Abstract, col.3 lines 1-12 and 31-42; *Megiddo*: col.8 lines 38-52, col.9 line 39-col.10 line 9, col.12 lines 2-10).

j. **Claims 25, 31, 32, 42, 48, 49, 58 and 61** are substantially similar to claim 12 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

k. **Per claim 13**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 12, *Pennell et al* further teach wherein said notifications are performed integrally as said first and second email addresses are respectively provided to said user computer for use to respectively register the user with first and second web sites (Abstract, col.3 lines 1-12 and 35-42; *Megiddo*: col.9 line 54-col.10 line 25).

l. **Claims 26 and 43** are substantially similar to claim 13 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

m. **Per claim 14**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 12, *Pennell et al* further teach wherein said notifications are performed subsequently in batch after said first and second email addresses were provided to said user for use to register the user with the first and the second web sites (Abstract, col.3 lines 1-12 and 35-42).

n. **Claims 27 and 44** are substantially similar to claim 14 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

o. **Per claim 15**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 1, *Megiddo* further teaches wherein the method further comprises: receiving emails addresses to said first and second email addresses (Figure 9c, col.10 lines 16-25); organizing said received emails based at least in part on whether the emails are addressed to the first of the second email address (Figure 9c, col.10 lines 1-25, col.11 lines 28-57; *Pennell et al*: col.4 lines 15-43).

p. **Per claim 16**, *Megiddo* teaches the method of claim 15, wherein said organizing of said received emails is at least further based on whether said received emails addressed to said first or second email address were sent respectively by said first or second web site or not (col.11 lines 28-64; *Pennell et al*: Figure 6, col.3 lines 53-65, col.4 lines 35-43).

q. **Claims 34 and 51** are substantially similar to claims 15 and 16 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

r. **Per claim 20**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 1, *Pennell et al* further teach wherein the web site is a content provider, a service provider and an access provider (col.1 lines 17-31).

s. **Per claim 29**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 28, *Megiddo* further teaches wherein said simultaneously providing comprises the email service provider providing a plurality of other distinct email addresses to the electronic device (col.5 lines 20-26 and 40-52, col.3 lines 15-24, col.7 line 55-col.8 line 37, col.9 line 54-col.10 line 39).

t. **Per claim 46**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the apparatus of claim 45, *Megiddo* further teaches wherein the programming instructions (when executed) enable the apparatus to provide a plurality of distinct email addresses to the electronic device used by the user in advance of the first and second email addresses' initial selection for usage, for the electronic device to select said first and second separate and distinct email addresses (col.5 lines 20-26 and 40-52, col.3 lines 15-24, col.7 line 55-col.8 line 37, col.9 line 54-col.10 line 39).

u. **Claims 57 and 60** are substantially similar to claims 5 and 46 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

6. **Claims 17-19, 36-38 and 53-55** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Pennell et al* (USPN 6,874,023) in view of *Megiddo* (USPN 6,725,269) and further in view of *Kamiya et al* (USPN 5,923,845).

a. **Per claim 17**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* teach the method of claim 16, *Megiddo* teaches deletion of identities and warning system that alerts a user if email messages have been sent by other entities (col.8 lines 1-15, col.11 lines 50-64). Yet *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* fail to explicitly teach wherein the method further comprises deleting all received emails addressed to said first or second email addresses not sent respectively by said first or second web site, while

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preserving all undeleted emails addresses to said first or second email addresses sent respectively by said first or second web site.

However, *Kamiya et al* teach deleting all received emails addressed to said first/second email addresses not sent by said first or second web site, while preserving all undeleted emails addressed to said first/second email addresses sent by said first or second web site (col.4 lines 3-10, col.9 lines 38-51, col.17 lines 24-30). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify the web based email control center for monitoring and providing a summary of the detected event information organized according to relationships between the user and network sites of *Pennell et al* in view of *Megiddo* by deleting all received emails not sent by said first or second web site because these emails are of no interest to the user since they did not subscribe to those sites therefore this frees up memory in the system.

b. **Claims 36 and 53** are substantially similar to claim 17 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

c. **Per claim 18**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* with *Kamiya et al* teach the method of claim 17, *Kamiya et al* further teach wherein said bifurcated deletion is performed in response to an instruction of said user (col.17 lines 24-30).

d. **Claims 37 and 54** are substantially similar to claim 18 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

e. **Per claim 19**, *Pennell et al* and *Megiddo* with *Kamiya et al* teach the method of claim 18, *Kamiya et al* further teach wherein the method further comprises providing the user

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with an end user interface feature to provide said deletion instruction with a single press of a key or control button (col.17 lines 24-30, col.23 lines 23-28).

f. **Claims 38 and 55** are substantially similar to claim 19 and are therefore rejected under the same basis.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: *Waskiewicz* (USPN 5,822,526), *Lee et al* (USPN 6,108,691), *Paul* (USPN 6,052,709), *Tsuei* (USPN 6,654,779), *Millard* (USPN 6,643,685).

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristie Shingles whose telephone number is 571-272-3888. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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